6. Mr. A. R. Easwara Ayyar. Intermediate, Revenue, Account and Registration tests.

(b) Messrs. A. Subramania Ayyar, M. K. Ananthakrishna Ayyar and V. Ganapathi Ayyar.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Of the six candidates given training, only three are seen to have been absorbed as Samprathies. Is there any necessity for further candidates being given training next year, now that we have got three persons who have account training?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—We cannot anticipate. There may be necessity. We are not quite certain about it. Account training will be given only if there is necessity.

Taluk Samprathies—Special Test qualifications.

139. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) what the requirements of special test qualifications are for Taluk Samprathies as contemplated in the Land Revenue Manual (Article 336);

(b) does the Government keep in view the requirements contained in (a) in selecting candidates for account training for eventual appointment of Samprathies?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) According to Article 336 of the Land Revenue Manual the Samprathies have to be trained in Survey and Account work. The account training is intended to enable them to discharge their work in the Treasury satisfactorily, while the Survey training is obviously to enable them to assist the Tahsildars in the discharge of their work, especially when they are absent from Headquarters on tour.

(b) Yes; but as according to the latest amendment to the Standing Orders sanctioned in Diwan's Proceedings R. Dis. 7785/1107, dated 10th February 1932 Survey test is not a necessary qualification for the Samprathy's post and as in fact a knowledge of Survey is not essential for a Samprathy to enable him to assist the Tahsildar; Survey test will not be counted as a necessary qualification for candidates selected for account training.

Posting of Revenue Inspectors.

140. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are giving full effect to Note 2 (ii) of the amendments to Standing Orders regarding posting of Revenue Inspectors and sanctioned in Diwan's Proceedings dated 11th February 1932, R. Dis. 7785/1107, Local and Legislative Department?

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Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The scheme contained in the Note 2 (ii) of the amendment in question is being given effect to gradually and as far as possible.

Blocking of Canal Jetties

141. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they were aware that the Municipal Council, Mattancheri, had blocked the canal jetties there against line boats landing and taking passengers there ;

(2) how long this blockade lasted ;

(3) whether the Government were aware of the difficulties which the public had to undergo owing to this blockade ;

(4) and whether the Government had taken any action to relieve the public of the difficulties ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) From 13th Edavam 1108 to 3rd Mithunam 1108.

(3) Yes.

(4) Yes.

Reduction of Land Revenue Assessment—Reports.

142. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the reports they have received since they received notice of the proposal of the resolution to reduce the Land Revenue Assessment by 12½ per cent up to the passing of the order on the resolution from the Diwan Peishkar?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Diwan Peishkar's views are contained in his speech, embodied on pages 589 to 592 of the Legislative Council Proceedings, Volume IV. A report subsequently received from him dated 4th March 1933 is placed on the table. (*Appendix VII*).

Committee to scrutinise Educational Survey Report.

143. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) at what stage the Educational Survey Report submitted by the Director of Public Instruction stands at present ;

(2) whether they intend to appoint a Committee to scrutinise it ;

(3) if so, whether they have settled the personnel of the Committee ;

(4) whether there is any truth that they have given up the idea of having Mr. P. V. Seshu Ayyar as the President of the Committee ;

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